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## **Stevens County massage therapist criminally charged with rape**

**OLYMPIA** — State health officials have immediately suspended a Stevens County massage therapist after he was criminally charged with rape.

Charges state that Gregory Dean Pritchett (MASS.MA.60208918) digitally penetrated and performed oral sex on a client during a massage treatment. Pritchett was charged in Stevens County Superior Court with one count of second-degree rape.

Pritchett has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges. He cannot practice massage therapy in Washington until the charges are resolved.

Legal documents in this case are available online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [agency home page](#), or by calling 360-236-4700. The number can also be used to file a complaint against health care providers in Washington.

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